

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Arizona Department of Agriculture

1. **Name of the agency:** Department of Agriculture
2. **Title and its heading:** Title 3. Agriculture
Chapter and its heading: Chapter 2. Department of Agriculture – Animal Services Division
Article and its heading: Article 6. Health Requirements Governing Admission of Animals
Section numbers: R3-2-606(A)(4)(a)(i)

2. **The subject matter of this notice:**

The purpose of this notice is to inform the general public that the Department of Agriculture is delaying the enforcement of the amendment to R3-2-606(A)(4)(a)(i) that requires dairy cattle entering the state to be identified with an official eartag that allows traceability back to the cattle's specific herd of birth. Although this amendment was to become effective May 3, 2008, subsequent to GRRC's approval at its March 4, 2008, meeting, the Department underestimated the amount of time dairy producers would need to effectively implement this measure. The Department anticipates enforcing this rule starting July 1, 2009. The Department will monitor for compliance in the interim.

3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**

Notice of Final Rulemaking: 14 A.A.R. 876, March 28, 2008.

4. **The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the notice:**

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